

the Shiawassee River in Michigan's 7th Congressional district, which today is known as Curwood Castle. It was March 14, 1923 when the great American author James Oliver Curwood broke ground on an impressive structure to serve as his writing studio. While Owosso, Michigan may not be the first place you'd expect to find a replica of a French chateau, I am so thankful Mr. Curwood felt most inspired by his beloved boyhood home and chose to build his beautiful treasure there.

At the time, Curwood was one of the most popular authors in the world, having just published his 24th novel, with dozens of Hollywood movies based on his stories. His best-selling adventure and wilderness stories were largely molded by his travels in Canada, the Hudson Bay area, the Yukon, and Alaska. But after a tour of Europe the author came home, inspired to write a different tale by building a castle similar to the ones he'd seen in the French countryside.

As a father of three children, Curwood longed for a quiet place where he could write and host guests. His mother sold him the piece of land next to his childhood home for one dollar, and with the help of Lansing architect Harold Child, Curwood designed a glistening yellow Norman-style chateau and adorned the facade of the building with rocks as a tribute to the piles of rocks he and his brother had made as children. Unfortunately, Curwood died just four years after his masterpiece was completed, but the building lives on as a testament to his creativity and love of adventure.

In addition to his prolific writing career, Curwood was a passionate environmentalist and served on the Michigan Conservation Commission. It's not surprising then that he wished for this beautiful building to have new life after his passing, and that he bestowed the castle to the city of Owosso in his will. Over the years, the castle served as a youth center and even housed the Owosso Public Schools Board of Education, but since 1970 it has been open to the public as a museum highlighting the career and legacy of James Oliver Curwood. Every year in early June, this beautiful castle serves as the center of Owosso's Curwood Festival, drawing thousands of visitors to this small community in mid-Michigan to celebrate the life and works of its cherished son, in the place he created.

In its 100 year history, Curwood Castle has been many things: a writer's retreat; a Hollywood office; and the site of fabulous parties. Today it stands as a singular architectural treasure, the legacy of a remarkable life and a reminder of glorious days gone by. It has been inscribed in the National Register of Historic Places, and only fitting that I recognize its significance here today. Long may this Michigan castle stand.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION OBSERVING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN LESLIE "WES" MONTGOMERY AND COMMEMORATING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAZZ MUSIC

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with the great Hoosier pride and joy that I rise today to introduce a resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Leslie "Wes" Montgomery.

Wes Montgomery was born in my hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana on March 6, 1923 to Frances and Tom Montgomery. He was naturally gifted in the musical arts and demonstrated his talents on the 4- and 6-string guitar in his youth. He was a self-taught musician who learned to play the guitar by listening to recordings of another jazz genius, guitarist Charlie Christian. Wes Montgomery developed a unique and innovative finger style playing technique by using the thumb to play base notes simultaneously with the melodic lines. This wonderful style helped to propel his success as a renowned jazz guitarist.

His musical gifts and performances became famous in jazz clubs in Indianapolis and he was recruited to tour with the Lionel Hampton Orchestra. In 1957, he joined his brothers Buddy and Monk to perform with other bands, and later released the album, the "Wes Montgomery Trio" and "The Incredible Guitar of Wes Montgomery". One of his biggest hits and most beloved albums was "A Day in the Life", which was rated the premier album on the Billboard Jazz Album chart, 2nd on the Billboard R&B Albums chart and 13th on the Billboard 200 chart.

Sadly, we lost this incredibly bright star far too soon, when he died at his home in Indianapolis on June 15, 1968, at the age of 45. But his music and his legacy still shine in our hearts and wherever his music is played. His beautiful and heartfelt music inspired generations of other musicians, and it continues to fill us with joy today.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution to honor a Hoosier and an American music legend. I urge the House to support this resolution.

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HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the incoming chairman of the Helsinki Commission Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, I was grateful for the delegation led by outgoing Chairman STEVE COHEN as a bi-partisan delegation to Rome.

Welcomed by U.S. charge d'affairs Shawn Crowley, we immediately met with valued former Congressman, now Ambassador to the Holy See, Joe Donnelly, who with wife Jill, represent America well. At the Palazzo Chigi

Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Ambassador Francesco Talo reviewed the new government's support of the independence of Ukraine. Prime Minister Meloni was on the way to Kyiv.

Meeting with Undersecretary of the State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Giorgio Silli confirmed the courageous Meloni government recognizes the Chinese Communist Party is a systemic rival of authoritarians opposed to democracies.

My affection for Italy is personal in that my son Add, was an orthopedic surgeon at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples for three years, where his wife Lauren, learned Italian cooking and grandchildren, Addison, Houston, and Emily Ruth learned perfect Italian with Addison later studying architecture in Genoa with Clemson University.

The visit to Ancient Rome was a humbling reminder of our shared heritage so crucial for the development of Western Civilization. Appreciating Roman influence on America is enhanced by the more than 20 million Italian Americans who are vital for the bright future of America.

Italy is a cherished American ally as democracies with Rule of Law confront authoritarians with Rule of Gun.

COMMENDING MASTER SERGEANT MICHEAL H. SCULLY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Pennsauken Township resident Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully.

Originally born in Jamaica, Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully emigrated to the United States, living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania until 1997, when he moved briefly to Collingswood, New Jersey. Not long after his arrival in Collingswood, Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully purchased a home in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey in the neighborhood of Del-Air, where he has resided for more than 20 years. Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully joined the United States Air Force in 1994 where he served for twenty-seven years before being honorably discharged in 2021.

During his 27 years of service, Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully served in the Aircraft Maintenance group as an Electrical and Environmental systems Craftsman or Master Technician. He was stationed at Willow Grove Joint Air Base in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for 15 years. He spent his final 12 years in the service stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Throughout his time in the armed services Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully was able to see places such as Australia, Japan, Guam, Hawaii, and Poland, as well as operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, which between the two he has been 8 times.

Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully is the recipient of 37 medals and ribbons, including the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Naval Commendation Medal, Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medal, as well as the Global War on Terrorism Medal and several more.

Master Sergeant Micheal H. Scully has been a brother of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity